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the selected list simultaneously on another part of the same display including additional instructions enabling the user to select at least one entry from the media inventory listing and insert the selected entry into the selected play list thereby creating a modified play list, including instructions enabling the user to save the modified play list and to designate a different, named, play list to be displayed [for] on the same display and edited by the user.

4 --33. A system for building a plurality of play lists having entries selected from a pre-stored inventory wherein the members of the inventory can be obtained from different sources, comprising:

a data base for storing media items from different sources and a plurality of pre-stored play lists;

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a play list editing system having a graphical display device and a plurality of instructions which enables a user to simultaneously display portions of an inventory of the stored items and portions of a selected play list on the same display device including editing instructions enabling a user to select a displayed inventory item and insert it into the displayed portion of the list thereby creating a modified list and additional instructions for storing the modified list in the data base and for subsequently displaying a plurality of pre-stored lists, each of which can be selected for execution.--

4 --35. A method of editing play lists based on a media inventory [stored on a common data base] comprising:

creating a prestored data base of at least audibly presentable media items;

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presenting visually at least a part of a pre-established play list based on some of the media items simultaneously while presenting visually, at least in part, a list of media items from the data base;

editing the play list by selecting at least one media item from the inventory list and [incorporating] inserting it into the play list at a selected location within the list thereby forming an [edited] enlarged play list.--

Please add the following new claims:

9 --38. A system comprising:

a user station which includes a first programmable processor and an associated control program for storing at least one previously created play list, and for retrieving and modifying existing entries of the stored list whereby an updated list to be executed can be created; and

a communications link, coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, for receipt of at least some of the works specified by the updated list from a displaced source wherein the control program, in response to the entries on the updated list, downloads, from the source, via the link, and then presents at least some of the items on the list to a local user and wherein the control program maintains billing information for transmission to the source for billing the user.--

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10--39. A system as in claim 9 wherein the source includes a displaced inventory station having an inventory of items; and an inventory control processor coupled to the inventory, responsive to requests from the user station for transmitting requested items, via the link, to be presented by the first processor and for receiving billing information from the first processor.--

11--40. A system as in claim 10 wherein the control program of the first processor graphically displays simultaneously at least a partial list of the available, displaced inventory and a selected, prestored play list.--

12--41. A system as in claim 10 which includes a media writing element, coupled to the user station, whereby items received from the inventory or a local inventory at the user station can be written to a removable medium.--

13--42. A system as in claim 10 wherein the control program of the user station also establishes a beats/minute parameter for selected items on the list.--

14--43. A system as in claim 10 wherein the user station includes a media reader for incorporate locally read items into the list.--

15--44. A system as in claim 14 wherein the control program includes an electronic display and instructions executable by the processor wherein some of the instructions present on one part of the display at least a part of a media inventory listing from which a user can select a plurality of items to be presented and wherein others of the instructions enable the user to select a named, prestored play list and display at least part of

the selected list simultaneously on another part of the same display including additional instructions enabling the user to select at least one entry from the media inventory listing and insert the selected entry into the selected play list thereby creating a modified play list, including instructions enabling the user to save the modified play list and to designate a different, named, play list to be displayed on the same display and edited by the user.

¹⁶~~16~~⁴⁵. A system for building a plurality of play lists having entries selected from an inventory which can be obtained at least in part, from different sources, the system comprising:

a data base for storing a plurality of user created pre-stored play lists;

a play list editing system having a graphical display and a plurality of instructions which enables a user to simultaneously display portions of an inventory of the stored items and portions of a selected play list including editing instructions enabling a user to select a displayed inventory item and to insert it into the displayed portion of the list thereby creating a modified list and additional instructions for storing the modified list in the data base and for subsequently displaying a plurality of pre-stored lists, each of which can be selected for execution.--

¹⁷~~17~~⁴⁶. A system as in claim ¹⁶~~16~~⁴⁵ wherein the play list editing system includes a user processor coupled to the data base and the display and wherein the instructions are executed by the processor and including input circuitry coupled to the processor whereby at least one entry supplying source can be coupled thereto.--

¹⁸~~18~~⁴⁷. A system as in claim ¹⁶~~16~~⁴⁵ which includes a communications link for downloading at least some members of a selected play list to be presented.--

¹⁹~~19~~⁴⁸. A system as in claim ¹⁶~~16~~⁴⁵ wherein the editing system includes a user processor coupled to the data base and a control program for establishing a beats/minute parameter for items on a list selected for execution.--

²⁰~~20~~⁴⁹. A system as in claim ¹⁶~~16~~⁴⁵ wherein the editing system includes a processor coupled to the data base and a control program which maintains billing information on the number of plays and total play time for billing.--

²¹~~21~~⁵⁰. A system as in claim ²⁰~~20~~⁴⁹ which includes a communications link for acquisition from a displaced source of at least some of the media items on a play list selected

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--51. A network based system comprising:
a user terminal that includes a programmed processor with a
communications link for acquiring from a remote inventory media items to be presented;
a play list editor for creating and editing multiple play lists;
a storage unit coupled to the processor for storing the play lists wherein
processor via the link, downloads media items from the remote inventory to be presented to
the user, and wherein the processor can provide billing information via the link to a billing
processor.--

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--52. A system as in claim 51 which includes an output device, coupled to
the processor, for writing one or more acquired media items to a local, removable medium.--

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--53. A system as in claim 51 which includes at least one of a visual and an
audio output device, coupled to the processor for presenting one or more acquired media
items to a user visibly and/or audibly.--

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--54. A system as in claim 51 wherein the processor includes instructions for
logging numbers of plays or total play time for billing.--

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--55. A system as in claim 38 wherein the works are selectable from a class
which includes audio works, and video works.--

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--56. A system as in claim 38 wherein the control program sorts items in
accordance with a selected respective, parameter.--

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--57. A system as in claim 56 wherein sorting of selected audio works is
based on tempo.--

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--58. A method of editing as in claim 35 wherein the media items are stored
in a common data base.--

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--59. A method as in claim 35 wherein selected audibly presentable media
items are sorted, in accordance with a predetermined parameter.--

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--60. A system as in claim 45 which includes a control program for
analyzing at least one selected characteristic of items in a play list.--

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--61. A system as in claim 60 wherein the control program sorts items in